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FUNCTIONING OF PHCS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted a study on the functioning of the Primary Health Centres through Community Health Research Foundation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any steps have been taken/proposed to be taken to improve the functioning of the Primary Health Centres and their sub-centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)No, Sir. No such specific study has been conducted by the Central Government.

(b)Does not arise.

(c) & (d) While Health is primarily a state subject in terms of implementation and management, the Central Government is providing technical and financial assistance in all critical areas which affect the health care system. Government has taken the following measures to improve the functioning of the Primary Health Centres and Sub-centres :

- Revision in the norms for rent, contingent expenditure and drug supply for sub-centres, was carried out in 2002.

- 8669 new Sub-centres have been sanctioned as per 1991 population norms.

- Delivery kits and essential drugs are supplied every year at the Sub-centres and Primary Health Centres.

- Additional funds for strengthening of Sub-centres through Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) have been provided.